

## USA and Cuba directly to U21 Semis

HAVANA, Cuba, August 29, 2018 – United States and Cuba advanced to the semifinals of the U21 NORCECA Men's Continental Championship following victories over Canada and the Dominican Republic, respectively, on Wednesday.

The Canadians will play Barbados while the Dominicans will meet Nicaragua in Thursday's quarterfinals.



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### United States 3, Canada 1

United States edged Canada 3-1 (25-14, 23-25, 25-23, 26-24) to advance to the semi-finals. Jaylen Jasper was the top scorer of the contest with 23 points, 11 of them from aces. Also with double digits for USA: John Reilly (15), Samuel Lewis (13) and Devin Joslyn (10). For Canada: Brodie Hofer (16), Fynnian McCarthy (13), and with 12 Xander Ketrzynki and



### Cuba 3, Dominican Republic 0

Host Cuba beat the Dominican Republic 3-0 (26-24, 25-18, 25-17) and will be the other semifinalist.

José M. Gutiérrez (11) and the opposite José Romero (10) got double digits for the hosts, however the top scorer of the match was the opponent Jairo Pérez (13), followed by Bayron Valdez (11), both corner attackers.

### Barbados 3, Guatemala 1

Barbados team doubled the celebration for the triumph over Guatemala 3-1 (29-27, 19-25, 25-23, 25-17) as it advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time. Akeel Oxley (21), Akeil Williams (19) and Ashe Oxley (17) led Barbados. The top scorer of the match was Guatemalan Edgar A. Maldonado (22) followed by Jonatan Paz (10).

### Nicaragua 3, Haití 1

Nicaragua defeated Haiti 3-1 (25-17, 17-25, 25-20, 25-13) and secured a spot in the quarter-finals.

Jean Bayol led Haiti with 27 points, supported by the wing spiker Edgar Damay with 10. However the Nicaraguans had a wider and better distributed offensive led by Jonny Zeledón (25), Byron Hernández (17), and Emmanuel Reyes (10).

